



Media Release

Hampton Police Division

Newport News Police Department

For Immediate Release

February 4, 2005

ROBBERY TASK FORCE

In an effort to identify and apprehend the suspects responsible for serial robberies in Hampton and Newport News, both agencies have combined resources to implement a robbery task force.

The detail is comprised of a special assignment of patrol officers and detectives dedicated to the swift apprehension of the offenders.

On each occasion armed gunmen entered the business, demanded money, and discharged a weapon. The suspects are becoming progressively more violent, as two Food Lion employees were wounded by gunfire.

| Hampton Cases | Newport News Cases |
|---|--|
| 11 th Jan. Chanello's Pizza 3825 Kecoughtan Rd. | 1 st Feb. McDonald's Resturant 15464 Warwick Blvd. |
| 24 th Jan. 7-Eleven 3700 Kecoughtan Rd. | 4 th Feb. Crown Gas Station 12900 Jefferson Ave. |
| 25 th Jan. Food Lion 2070 Nickerson Blvd. | 4 th Feb. 7-Eleven 13131 Warwick Blvd. |

Suspect Descriptions:

- Suspect 1: black male, unknown age, 5'7" to 5'10", 140 to 160 lbs., last seen wearing dark clothing and a ski mask or bandanna.
- Suspect 2: black male, unknown age, 5'9" to 6', 140 to 160 lbs., last seen wearing dark clothing and a ski mask.

Anyone with information that will assist police with identifying the person(s) responsible for these crimes is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at **727-6111**, Newport News Police Division at **245-0755** or Crime Line at **1-888-LOCK-U-UP**. Crime Line callers remain anonymous and never appear in court. If a Crime Line call results in an arrest, the caller is eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.00. Food Lion has provided an additional \$5,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspects.

END # # # #